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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Acting Secretary of State
The Secretary of Defense

The President, when I met with him last Thursday, requested that the Departments of State and Defense prepare for his consideration a comparison of the disarmament provisions in the proposed "Phased Plan" on German reunification, European security and Berlin, with the provisions of the August 1957 Western disarmament package proposal. It was my understanding that the President wished a clear and comprehensive presentation which would identify any ways in which the "Phased Plan" would differ from or modify the policy which he approved in 1957, taking into account the President's subsequent decision regarding nuclear testing.

I will be happy to discuss the nature of and arrangements for the above-mentioned presentation to the President with you or your designated representatives as soon as convenient. While the President did not set a specific date for the presentation, I assume it should be done before the Western Foreign Ministers' Meeting scheduled for April 29.

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